AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 14, with the following new rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 2(a) and 2(b) are is-sectional views showing a sensor SS attached to side wall of a casing 140 of the ink cartridge 100;--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4, with the following new rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 9(a) and 9(b) show shows a variation in applied voltage (potential difference from the grounding potential) of a piezoelectric element PZT;--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 8, with the following new rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 11(a) and 11(b) show-shows generation of voltage in the piezoelectric element PZT in response to discharge of the piezoelectric element PZT;--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 10, with the following new rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 12(a) and 12(b) show-shows generation of voltage in the piezoelectric element PZT in response to discharge of the piezoelectric element PZT;--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 12, with the following new rewritten paragraph:

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--Figs. 13(a) and 13(b) show-shows a discharge characteristic setting process in the first embodiment of the invention;--